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For: EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN AND DATA ANALYTICAL METHODS FOR  
DETECTING AND CHARACTERIZING INTERACTIONS AND INTERACTION  
THRESHOLDS ON FIXED RATIO RAYS OF POLYCHEMICAL MIXTURES AND  
SUBSETS THEREOF

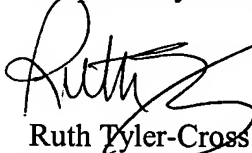
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**2<sup>nd</sup> REQUEST FOR STATUS INQUIRY**

Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on September 5, 2003 and the Official Filing Receipt was mailed March 9, 2004. As of this date, a first Office Action has not been received by this office and it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be provided with a statement of the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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